

Royal Blind has eBay Fever!

On Thursday 18th October at 8pm, Royal Blind's annual Light Relief Week eBay Auction will go live. Light Relief Week is a fundraising project in which supporters are encouraged to use the extra hour acquired when the clocks go back on Sunday 28th October to raise funds for Royal Blind. The eBay auction has become a successful fixture in the week's programme of creative fundraising activities.

Royal Blind is delighted to announce that among the items listed in this week's sale is a full-sized Epiphone Dove model acoustic guitar, personally signed by Barry Gibb, founder and frontman of the Bee Gees.

Barry Gibb is an award-winning singer, songwriter and producer who formed the Bee Gees with his brothers Robin and Maurice, which went on to become one of the most successful pop groups of all time. Throughout his career, Gibb has been globally renowned for his falsetto vocals and penning hits such as "How Deep Is Your Love" and "Stayin' Alive."

The guitar features a solid spruce top with maple back and sides, as well as a rosewood fingerboard with split parallelogram inlays, Dove pickguard, stylised bridge with wing inlays, and chrome hardware. The classic Dove style acoustic was one of the first acoustic guitars to become a recognised rock and roll icon due to its tight, smooth and focused sound, and so it is fitting that the front of the guitar has been personally signed by one of the most celebrated musicians in rock and roll history.

The guitar is sold with a matching hard-shell travel case, as well as a photograph of Barry Gibb that features a pre-printed signature. This is a genuine iconic piece of Rock 'n Roll/Pop history, so snap it up while you can!

To place a bid and learn more about participating in this year's Light Relief Week, please visit www.royalblind.org/lightrelief for access to Royal Blind's eBay shop page as well as great fundraising ideas and tips! All auction items have been kindly donated to Royal Blind.

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For more information and photos, please contact Laura House on 0131 229 1456.

Notes to editors

1. This story is for immediate use and the words and pictures are free to use.
2. The activities of Royal Blind, www.royalblind.org include:

The Royal Blind School, Edinburgh

The Royal Blind School offers the highest quality of education and care to meet the needs of young people with a visual impairment. Our two campuses include pre-school, primary and secondary facilities supporting pupils with additional support needs.

Braeside House

Braeside House is our home that provides first class services and facilities for older people who are blind or visually impaired, offering both residential and nursing care in purpose built premises.

Scottish Braille Press

The Scottish Braille Press is a leading provider of high quality alternative formats. The press has years of experience, backed up with continuing investment in technology and skills to ensure we can supply the best that is available for our customer needs.

Forward Vision

Forward Vision offers young adults aged 18-25 who have a visual impairment disability, care and support with person centred focus on strengths and abilities, encouraging greater independence.

Kidscene

Kidscene After School Club offers after school care to children attending the Royal Blind School and local Schools. The club aims to include a safe, secure and relaxed environment for the children in our care. We endeavour to provide an atmosphere and activities similar to those found within the home.